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For: Upwardly-Joined Fluids Applicators and Receptacles Therefor

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY.  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled Upwardly-Joined Fluids Applicators and Recept-  
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- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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DECLARATION for PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name and signature.

I believe that I am the first, original, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a United States Patent is sought on the invention entitled Upwardly-Joined Fluid

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a).

I hereby state that there is no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed pursuant 37 CFR 1.55, nor any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application, on which priority is claimed, by specifying the application serial number, country, day, month, and year, of its filing.

I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention described in the foregoing specification and claims and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, solemn declaration, and this petition, on the date set out next to my signature herebelow.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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